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Re: Huron County
Village of Wakeman
NPDES Permit

May 30, 2008

Mayor and Council
Village of Wakeman
59 Hyde St.
Wakeman, Ohio 44889

Dear Mayor and Council:

On April 10, 2007, Andrew Gall conducted an NPDES permit compliance inspection of the wastewater treatment facilities serving the Village of Greenwich. Mr. Darryl Young, Technical Supervisor and Mr. John Fowler, Superintendent of Utilities were present and provided information on the Village's sanitary sewer system and the lagoon operation and maintenance. The inspection included a tour of the facility and a review of the plant records.

This is a 0.240 MGD controlled discharge 3-cell lagoon system. At the time of our inspection the lagoons were not discharging to the Vermilion River. The lagoons were slightly green in color and odorless. No samples were taken to verify compliance with permit limits. Discharge Monitoring reports have been submitted as required by your NPDES permit. Since the last permit issuance, there have not been any significant permit exceedences.

The Pleasant Ave. lift station was also inspected. The odor control system appeared to be properly operating as no odors were detected. However, Ohio EPA is very concerned about the recent sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) events that have occurred at this lift station during rain events. **Please be aware that all sanitary sewer overflow's are prohibited.** Therefore the Village must begin taking the necessary steps to eliminate the overflows. An initial step would be to locate clean water connections to the sanitary sewer system, including but not limited to storm drains, downspouts, basement sump pumps and footer drains. Mr. Fowler stated that the Village has purchased smoke testing equipment so that clean water connections can be identified. However, he indicated that two men are required to set up this equipment. Ohio EPA strongly recommends that the Village allocate the additional man power needed to utilize the smoke testing equipment to identify and eliminate the clean water connections so that the SSO's can be eliminated.

Within 21 days of receiving this inspection letter please submit a written response to Mr. Gall's attention indicating the actions that will be taken to address the SSO at the Pleasant Street lift station. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter. Please feel to contact Mr. Gall at 419-373-3003 or via email at andrew.gall@epa.state.oh.us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E.
District Engineer/Unit Supervisor
Division of Surface Water
AG/lb

pc: Mr. Dave Graves, Village Administrator
Mr. Darryl Young, Technical Supervisor

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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2PA00014	OH0029394	1/11/2008	C	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Village of Wakeman WWTP NE Corner of SR 60, just north of US 20	10:00 AM	2/1/2005
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:00 AM	1/31/2010
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
John Fowler, Utilities Superintendent Darryl Young, Technical Supervisor	440-839-2622 419-668-1090	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Chris Hipp, Mayor Dave Graves, Village Administrator 59 Hyde St. Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-2622	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
S	Permit	S	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
S	Records/Reports	S	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
S	Operations & Maintenance	S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Facility Site Review	N	Sludge Storage/Disposal	S	Other
S	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Two Primary Lagoons, One Secondary Lagoon, Discharge occurs when gate is lowered by hand -Three Blowers, 1 Run in Winter, 2 Run in Summer, Rotated according to hours -Compliance samples run by City of Norwalk each quarter when plant discharges - Each home has a septic tank, 1/3 of town pumped each spring and hauled to Sandusky for disposal -Operations and maintenance log kept beginning on March 20, 2008 			
Inspector		Reviewer	
			
Andrew Y. Gall		Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E.	
Environmental Specialist II		Water Quality Engineer	
Division of Surface Water		Division of Surface Water	
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Date		Date	5/29/08